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Mr. Ames, M.P., accompanied by M. S. McCarthy, M.P., will be in Calgary on Friday, August 7th, three weeks from now, and will address a mass meeting in either the Lyric Theatre or the Auditorium Rink. Mr. Ames' address will bear chiefly upon the wholesale alienation of our valuable timber lands in Alberta and the Northwest to favorites of the government, through the active medium of that blackened politician, Jack Turiff, formerly Commissioner of Lands. If you want to hear the ins and outs of the biggest steal in the history of Canada, go and hear Ames. His address is illustrated with photographs and moving pictures, taken at considerable expense for the express purpose of substantiating certain points in his speeches throughout the country.

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M. S. McCarthy will, of course, also speak. Mac delivered one of the most telling speeches in the House of Commons on the Timber Robbery, representing an array of facts and figures which, in the ordinary course of business life, would have landed the gang in jail. No doubt he will still further expose the thieves during his tour with Mr. Ames.

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In any event, all Calgary will turn out to welcome home MacCarthy, the best member any constituency ever had. As is his wont, Mac has worked hard this session and attended to his parliamentary duties with a faithfulness which his constituents will not forget when the time arrives for his re-election.

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On August 8 Mr. Ames and Mr. McCarthy speak in the Drury Lane Theatre, Banff. Contingents from Exshaw, Canmore and Bankhead will doubtless be there in force to hear—for once—the truth.

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Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Macleod, High River, Wetaskiwin, Edmonton and other Alberta towns are also on Mr. Ames' itinerary. The mention of Montreal is for the moment a political evangelical preaching political righteousness, and he is trusting to the character of his listeners for an honest consideration of his words and intelligent reflection therein.

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We were flattering ourself that the Eye-Opener was going to be the first Calgary newspaper to relate the great incident, but the Albertan spread it yesterday morning. However, we will let our own little story go, seeing that it is up in type. It practically substantiates what the Albertan says. In any case, a devil of a row is on the tapis. Just wait till Moodie and Parlow get back from the Brandon Fair! Wow, wow! The council meets on Monday evening, when a pleasant time will be had.

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The circumstances, so far as we have probed into the matter, are as follows, though—in view of the probability of a general denial all round—we do not claim that they are true. In fact, we propose to safeguard this paper by a judicious use of the word, "alleged."

A representative of the Canadian Pavement Contracting Company—there are two representatives in town—is alleged to have approached a friend of Alderman Moodie and asked him to sound that gentleman as to his willingness to accept an alleged $1,000 for exchange for his alleged influence and vote in the council. In making this alleged proposition the paving man is alleged by Alderman Moodie's friend to have stated that a certain other alderman, whose name he gave, had accepted $2,000, and that the company wanted "one other good man on the council."

It is alleged the friend went to the alleged Mr. Moodie and told him about it. Later on, the paving man is alleged to have gone to Alderman Moodie personally, and to have asked him if the friend had laid the proposition before him. Moodie said he had. "Well," the paving man is alleged to have said, "the offer is still open."

Alderman Moodie is alleged to have curtly turned him down and to have at once notified several of the other aldermen, to whom he laid bare the facts. And there you are.

All we have to say about it is this, that if the Canadian Pavement Contracting Company either bribed or attempted to bribe any of our aldermen, the city of Calgary should not purchase a yard of their material. But, as we say, if all be denied point-blank and everybody concerned when an investigation takes place.

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The rumor is also current that the sum of $5,000 was set aside by the Pavement Contracting Co. to be divided amongst four useful persons, three aldermen and one city official. There is only a rumor, but Calgary rumors frequently pan out well. If there indeed be truth in this rumor, it is sad to think that only one man succumbed to the temptation. Even he, too, may have been only promised the dough on "delivery of the goods," for this, we believe, is the usual procedure in grafting circles.

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Johnny had donned his first pair of long trousers, and the proud boy and his mother set out to visit a relative in a distant part of the town. Boarding a car, when the conductor came around and presented his fare, boy, Johnny's mother at usual put in three pennies for John and a nickel for herself.

The conductor remonstrated.

"Madam," said he, "I cannot carry this big boy for three cents. Why, he's got on long pants!"

"Well," said Johnny's mother, "then you may take the three cents for me, and call the nickel Johnny's fare."

"All right."

A demure-looking maiden in the corner of the car gave a quiet chuckle. "Here's where I ride for nothing."

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Dr. Stewart recently paid a visit to Banff to see if the road was clear for his election in that district. He knows now why they are called the Rocky Mountains.

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Those who imagine that the electors of Calgary are asleep off this fall are away off their trolley.

The Eye Opener is in a position to state that a certain "deal" in this city will be done until a certain scheme, which is being secretly evolved at Ottawa, is carried out in its entirety. This scheme is of a somewhat startling character, and some people may think it merely a joke when they first hear of this weird plot, but, believe us, it is no laughing matter.

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The idea is none other than to bring a new province into confederation, with sufficient representation to offset the defections in the Province of Ontario and Quebec, and to head off anticipated trouble elsewhere.

A glance at the map will show that there is still an enormous tract of country lying north of the Hudson Bay and the North Pole, which has not as yet any representation in the councils of the Dominion. Sir Wilfrid, with a few Eskimos, Indians and half-breeds, thinks he can little or never expect the musk-ox, the caribou and the wolf; but Sir Wilfrid proposes to have forty-five new members from this region based on the population of numerous mosquitoes, of which Sir Ernest Seton-Thompson, Thompson-Seton, Thompson-Seton, Seton-Thompson and Thompson-Seton will be the plethora.

As it will be difficult to reach the more remote parts of the new province, even by dog train, owing to lack of good roads and bridges, the newly appointed lieutenant-governor, Sir Frederick Bridge, K.C.M.G., (Knight Commander of Moral Latitude), will set sail for Herschell Island, the seat of the new capital, in the new steamer Arctic, of which you all have doubtless read. Sir Frederick, who sets sail immediately after prorogation of parliament, will be accompanied by a brilliant staff carefully selected from Dalhousie-monde of Albemarel street, Halifax, and will travel to his destination via the Strait of Belle Isle, Baffin Bay, Hudson's Strait, Fox Channel and Parry Sound.

Sir Frederick's appointment is for twenty years, during which no leave of absence will be granted. It is not considered likely that any future Conservative government will have the nerve to deprive him of his office. The members of the new province will be changed annually and a fresh lot of Tories sent with the boat that takes in fresh supplies. The commissariat department is expected to go heavy on vegetables, so that the lieutenant-governor is notoriously fond of his greens.

A government house is now in course of construction at Herschel Island under the superintendency of Sergeant Fitzgerald of the Mounted Police. It is proposed to establish a Normal School for Whales and a Y.M.C.A. for the Eskimos. One of the lieutenant-governor's first duties will be to set aside a couple of streets in the new capital as the precious of a red light district and a pleasant time is expected to be had. The government also also kindly offered a site for a Carnegie Library.

Donald Mann, of Edmonton, has been offered the post of secretary to the lieutenant-governor and will probably accept. Mr. Ross has had many years experience guiding the social life of northern districts and will no doubt introduce many nerve-racking card games into that north country. He will also ship along a billiard table. What! Oh, yes, with pockets.

The system of dividing up the province into electoral districts will not be followed, but as many members from the country as a whole as may be required to supply the necessary majority at Ottawa, will be declared elected. No candidates will be permitted to run, who do not sign affidavits that they are of the Liberal persuasion, and no canvassing will be permitted, as the authorities will attend to that themselves.

It is expected that arrangements will be made whereby the members will not have to go to Ottawa, but will take their proxies with the lieutenant-governor, who will forward them to Ottawa by the Arctic.

As a delicate compliment to the lieutenant-governor, the new province will be known as Muskaway Land. There will be many social events started at the Capital to relieve the monotony of the long Arctic winters, and the tenderloin district is being started along with a view to having the Grand Opening on the evening of the arrival of the lieutenant-governor and staff. The society at Herschel Island will be composed of the Eskimos, the officers of the whaling vessels which winter off the island, the North West Mounted Police and all the boone fighters from the Arctic, when in port. The government House will be managed along about a representative of the boonologist department to erect a lighthouse, to be constructed out of the bones. Entities. It is expected that during Sir Frederick's regime the Capital will attain an appalling height.

The whole scheme, of course, is a glittering generality, but it will be a silver lining to every cloud. The country will be shed of Sir Frederick Borden and this seems to be the only way that Sir Wilfrid can get rid of him. Cheer up. Every day will be Sunday by and by; and every night will be Saturday night on Herschel Island. Vive la politique!

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Minister Brodeur, it will be remembered, attended the Colonial Conference some time ago, and although the Imperial government defrayed all his hotel expenses in London, the Canadian people have had to cough up $3,000 for his "personal expenses." For one length of time he was there, he remains 180 a day. Oh, we forgot. He also went over to Paris before returning home. This accounts for it. To be sure. He probably bumped into Clio de Merode.

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Sir Frederick Bridge must have been sailing for a great time. He has a dear old Lennon after his return from Canada. Read the following, culled from an English paper:

Sir Frederick Bridge, who has been crossing the Rockies in British Columbia, B.C., has had an exciting adventure. One night his train stopped for repairs. Sir Frederick, not being able to sleep, began upon the revision of the Western hymn book, which he is undertaking. Soon he heard a noise under his couch. Then he perceived a paw and then the head of a bear. Sir Frederick threw the bed clothes over the bear's head and made for the door, firing the hymn book at the bear as it emerged. The hymn book flew it in two as it passed the window, crying out Sir Frederick, and he fell. He is carrying back the preservation in the library.

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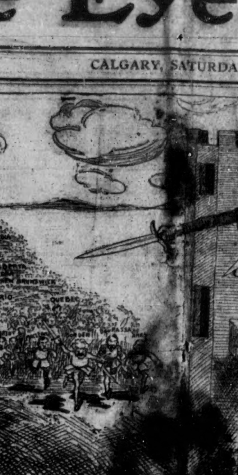
Sir Frederick may remain off and on in the Rockies for some time. Those who have had a special interview with eminent divines are adventure, with many varied experiences. The great musical genius is now in the Rockies, and the episcopal dinner table in the City of London, or for an afternoon tea at the deanery, the "revision of the Western hymn book" in the land of eight-tenths of the Rocky Mountains getting it the correct flavor. Recently it is rather tough on the C.P.R. that idea of a bear entering a Pullman car on the Canadian Pacific Railroad is as absurd as the possibility of a Florodora sextette dancing the can-can in the district of Westminster Abbey to the accompaniment by full surplice choir, of one of Sir Frederick's earthy anthems, or even by a surplice choir that wants dollars.



Macbeth, Thane of Cawdor: "Hang out our banners on the outward walls; the cry is still 'They Come!'"

R. L. RICHARDSON
(of the Winnipeg Tribune)
Who is out to defeat Turriff in East Assiniboia at the Dominion Elections.—He has a tough job ahead of him, but it is the ambition of every Western Canadian that he win the seat and send his disreputable opponent to the scrap pile where he belongs.

For once we all agree. The proposition on which we come together is that Calgary is all right.

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The Dominion Exhibition was the success of the age. So unique and phenomenal was its success that, ever since the Fair closed the Directors have been going about in a daze of happiness and a blaze of glory, praising the Lord for the gift of lovely weather and murmuring blessings on the head of Manager Richardson, to whom the splendid results were mainly due—wholly—due.

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Other visitors came to the Dominion Exhibition from all parts of Canada, east, west. This we can well believe, for it certainly beat anything that, we, the editor of this paper, ever saw in the way of exhibitions on Canadian soil. Everyone went away delighted, fully impressed with the knowledge that Alberta was the garden of the Dominion and that Calgary was a great little city with a brilliant future.

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The only rift within the lute was to be found in the races, which were, if anything, a little crookedder than a dog's hind leg. The running races were all right, but the trotting—Suffering Moses! What between the drivers and the bookies, the talent were ground between the upper and the nether millstones until they hadn't enough left to have a good meal on, it was the skinniest kind of a skin game. Pro pelle cutem wasn't in it. So outrageous was the work of "the ring" that there has been some talk of cutting out trotting events altogether at future fairs in this city. Such a step will have the support of the Eye Opener. Gamblers Lord we know enough to steer clear of trotting events. We feel comfortably enough on the runners, not knowing one horse from another, but these races seemed to be square-dealing, in fact, so far as the runners were concerned, "a pleasant time was had."

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It is the very height of folly to give a gang of sharpers nice fat purses of $300, $400 and $600 as an inducement to come out and rob the public. Their dupes old people are not classy enough anyhow to create even a pretense of interest in the grand stand, and there was a dreary air of boredom amongst the non-betting crowd while one of these alleged trotting races was on. The running races are left to the last in order to hold the people. Otherwise, every one would quit the grounds in disgust.

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None of these fake trotting races are pulled off without going through the time-wasting farce of five or six false starts, each driver apparently striving to get a good getaway, just as if they didn't know what horse was billed to win that particular heat. Nor would the bookies be put on the gas, general result of a race. Each heat was a separate race, and the poor deluded public were consequently disillusioned, knocked about and staggered by the usual bookies' tricks of "a-end-out trotting ever seen on a western race track. The judges were an easy bunch.

Dr. Brett's beautiful little theatre in "the San" grounds is going full blast this summer. Visitors to the Sanitarium of visitors and residents at Banff. The customary bathing and mountaineering attractions are now reinforced by theatrical performances, concerts and Monday evening dances and entertainment was recently opened by the Harold Nelson Company, which is holidaying in the mountains and was formally christened "Drury Lane" by the fashionable lady Violet Hide, of Prisoner of Zenda fame. On August 8th there will be a great political meeting at Drury Lane Theatre, when Mr. Ames, M.P., Mr. McCarthy, M.P., and Dr. Stewart, M.P., will deliver a series of turn-the-rascals-out speeches to the confusion of the enemy.

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This from a Toronto reader to the Eye Opener:

"You are certainly making the grafters sit up and take notice.

"Sir Frederick is here today, in disguise. He has his coat while inspecting the military camp at Niagara. Fine water the cause."

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Leslie Macoun, Sir Frederick Borden's son-in-law, was recently up here for a few days, and seemed to give details of his business transactions with the government.

When Mr. Macoun was told that his examination was over he still had a little work to make. He said he didn't wish to be put down as a man who was rich and quick, as he had been started by such scurrilous yellow journals as the Halifax Herald, Calgary Herald, St. John Telegraph and Toronto News.

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This man Macoun's name has never so much as been mentioned in the Eye Opener. We never knew there was such a man at all. The only Macoun whose name ever appeared in these columns was that of Sir Wilfrid's head who visited the Peace River country in Manitoba some three years ago and then went back to Ottawa with a lot of story about the great and fertile north land not being fit for settlement.

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"Had it not been for Fred Adams' good nature we would have lost our friend Mr. McGonigle, of Midnapore, who is behind the bars on a charge of theft. He is incredible the things this man constitutes does when half jagged. On Wednesday evening of last week he was lined up two deep at the Victoria hotel bar, McGonigle, who was up at the end mopping up the dope in great style, quietly annexed a bottle of rye and wrapped it up in a newspaper. Fred somehow caught on and raised quite a holler.

"See here, you, fetch back that bottle."

"I ain't got no bottle, you sawed-off chink of cockroach, I tell you."

"What have you got in the newspaper?"

"Nothing."

"But I see it in the paper right now."

"My friend," said McGonigle, waking leisurely to the door, "you mustn't believe all you see in the newspapers."

Fred glared at the disappearing form and proceeded to wipe off the bar with great deliberation.

"It's all right," said he, in a tone of Arcadian calmness, "it's all right—never mind—just you wait—it's A-L-L right—I'll get even with him—fix—so-ty—it's all right—just mark my words—so-a-ty!"

There is a rumor to the effect that if Sir Wilfrid tours the West this fall he will be followed from town to town by Mr. Foster. Have the Conservatives gone crazy?

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No explanation yet from the Alberta government in regard to the American Publishing Company of New York being given the job of printing and publishing for ten long years the school books of this province.

Not a word. Quiet as a mouse. Silent as the grave. As a matter of fact, they are feeling not a little ashamed of themselves for having allowed Calder and Mowat to pull the wool over their eyes. This is, after all, the only serious blunder they have made since taking office, but it is a bad one, a very bad one.

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By maintaining a discreet silence and ignoring the statements made in this paper, the Alberta government fondly hopes (my doubt) that public interest in this matter will die out and that the incident will close on the second.

Fatuous hope!

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If the provincial cabinet thinks for a moment that we are going to let it quietly by and see our school books printed and published for the next TEN YEARS—till 1918—in New York city, they have not got us sized up right. They may ignore the Eye Opener all they have a mind to, but they will find it very well advised to ignore the trades unions—at least, not in Calgary and Edmonton. At election time the Book Trust Contract will cut loss and toss of ice.

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From James M. Lynch, of Indianapolis, president of the International Association of Bridge Workers, we received a letter, dated June 30, in which he says: "THE AMERICAN BRIDGE BOOK COMPANY IS A NON-UNION FIRM."

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So the case at present stands like this: Our school books printed were passed up altogether when it came to getting out new school books for the province and a ten-year contract was given to a man called Morang in Toronto. Morang is running the plant, has the books printed and published in New York City by a firm of which he is the Canadian agent—the American Book Company—a shady, unscrupulous concern operating throughout the States under various names. To make matters worse, the school books for the province,

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If there is any doubt in the minds of our readers as to the methods of this organization, perhaps the following Associated Press Cable will help dispel them:

Austin, Tex., June 30.—The Attorney-General filed suits in court here today against the American Book Company for penalties aggregating $2,880,000 and demanded the company's ouster from the state for violations of the anti-trust law covering a period of nearly two years.

One suit is against the New York corporation and another against the New Jersey corporation, both having the same name and being composed of the same persons.

Mr. Hanitain made the statement (uncontradicted) in the Regina House that while, the contract, had been signed by Morang "IT WAS IN REALITY THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN BOOK CO., A UNITED STATES BOOK TRUST, WHICH HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF ENORMOUS FRAUDS IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION."

And this from the Moose Jaw News:

Gradually the truth respecting the printing of the Saskatchewan readers is coming out. The Regina Leader (Liberal) now admits that the Alexandra Readers are being printed for the Morang Company by the American Book Company. This is an important admission, and pretty nearly confirms the whole contention of the Opposition. But that the reader may be satisfied, let him read the Leader's own words. In its issue of June 19th it says:

"The Morang Educational Company Ltd., the firm with which the Provincial Government have placed a contract for school readers, like many of the principal publishing houses of Great Britain and the States does none of the mechanical work in connection with the publication itself, and the Alexandra Readers, as is well known, are being printed for Morang's by the American Book Company."

If, as the Leader says, the Morang Company does none of the mechanical work, what has become of the extensive plant which in his evidence before the Ontario School Book Company, Mr. Morang said he had, at great cost, established in Canada?

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This is what Morang says about it in an interview:

Mr. Morang, when seen by a representative of The Bookseller and Stationer in regard to the attack made upon him by the Calgary Eye Opener, stated that he did not deem it worth while to take cognisance of such libelous statements from an irresponsible and sensational sheet like the Eye Opener. He intimated that if any respectable newspaper would repeat the charges or publish the allegations contained therein he would at once institute action for criminal libel. Mr. Morang did not care to discuss specifically the points of attack, but, in the course of an informal conversation, vigorously denied that the American Book Company, of New York, had, in this contract, The Morang Company submitted the plates, proofs and binding to the Minister of Education, at Edmonton, and were awarded the contract solely on the merit of their goods and the low figure at which they tendered. The American Book Company had nothing to do directly or indirectly with the tender, and the firm in Toronto have no relations with that company beyond acting as agents or representatives in Canada for certain copyright books which they place on the Canadian market.

Mr. Morang says that so long as the government has no complaint to make he should not take notice of these misleading statements. That the work was done in New York he freely admits, but says there was nothing in his contract which stipulated where the printing, press work and binding should be executed. The governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan did not care where operations were carried out, whether in Zululand or Hong Kong, so long as the books, which were required at the shortest possible notice, were up to the standard in all respects. Considering that it was the 20th of January before the contract was signed, so that the Morang Company could proceed with the work and that they had to deliver to the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta by the middle of June no less than 100,000 of the Alexandra readers, it was a matter of the utmost importance that the work should be carried out as expeditiously as possible. There was no book-binding establishment in the west which could do the binding which made the volumes practically indestructible, so far as the printing and press work were concerned, the low figure at which the job was secured made it imperative, along with the demand of the government for haste, that those things be done where it was possible to secure the cheapest and speediest work.

Mr. Morang stated that the Alexandra set of readers would compare favorably in the binding, printing, press and color work with any American set of readers, and that, in many respects, they were superior. Some of the plates were made in Toronto and some in New York. So long as the Alberta government secured the output, which it desired in the constipulated, it did not care where the work was done so long as it was satisfactory in character and equal to the specimens submitted. The American Book Company had nothing to do directly or indirectly with the contract for the Alexandra readers, which was awarded solely and exclusively to Morang & Company.

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Morang, it will be observed, prattles about "the low price at which the job was secured." He must think we are all batty out here. It was proved in the Regina House that the Canada Publishing Company's REPAIR price was lower than Morang's WHOLESALE price. And there you are.

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Morang must not run away with the idea that his quibbling explanation will either fool the western public or cause our pen to falter for an instant. He may have experienced little or no difficulty in working the Alberta government, but both he and the Alberta government are up against THE PEOPLE this time, which is another proposition entirely. So far as threats of criminal libel go, every shyster we ever exposed in these columns has threatened the same thing. It does not scare this chicken a little bit. We know when we are right and when we are wrong.

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Morang's denial that the American Book Company had any connection with the contract is rather amazing to an outsider in the light of his own admission that he is this notorious firm's agent in Canada, that the plates were made by this American firm, and that all the printing, binding, and mechanical work is done by them in New York city. It is a wonder some of the Tyndall rooters didn't come out there when Morang closed his denial.

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It is, to say the least, ungenerous of Morang to try and lay the cause on the provincial government by saying that "the government of Alberta did not care where operations were carried out, whether in Zululand or Hong Kong," because such a statement, if true, places the life of Premier Rutherford's government in jeopardy. Still, we is charitable enough to believe that Premier Rutherford had no idea when he gave the ten-year contract to these people that the printing and publishing of the Alberta school books was to be turned over to an American concern.

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Morang, it will be observed, admits the truth of all the Eye Opener's allegations, except the one to the effect that the American Book Company had any connection with the contract.

Well, the American Book Co. DID GET the work the contract calls for, haven't they? Did not their Canadian agent, Morang, spend time trying to lie out of it? Of course, he did take us for a lot of mug-wumps.

Morang also states that "there was no book-binding establishment in the West which could do the binding."

Again he lies.

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Now, here is a letter which is being forwarded to the premier of Alberta:

Edmonton, Alta.

Resolved, that the members of the local assembly desire of the Provincial Government of Alberta in awarding a ten-year contract for school books to an American non-union firm through Morang & Co., the acknowledged agent of the Book Trust in Canada, over the heads of the union printers of the Dominion of Canada, and if, as some of the friends of the said Provincial Government now claim, the said contract was awarded through the misrepresentation of the said Morang & Co., we hereby call upon the said government to rescind the said contract without delay.

J. H. Schultz, Secretary.

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And the Typographical Journal, the organ of fifty thousand union printers in Canada, and the United States, after printing a copy of the telegram of Morang and Calder, in which the former asks as a "personal favor" for Calder to make Saskatchewan's order for school books "Ontario" instead of Alberta's, says:

Behold, these are "free" textbooks! If there is a spark of energy in our union men, the seats of Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert, Calgary, Edmonton and Stettler Hall, if not more, will be the most contemptible chicanery ever played by the politicians who defeated the ship thousands of dollars of the people's money to get American publishers to get them that Canadian printers will most effectively resent.

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We had supposed that the Winnipeg Free Press was cured of the habit of frothing at the mouth. But no—

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An amusing incident occurred one day at the races during Dominion Fair. A colored bookie looking over the programme saw that a horse called Peter Jackson was entered in the mile and one-eighth. She promptly sent a gentleman friend down to the betting ring with a five-spot to say that Peter would win. When he horsen came out and paraded in front of the grand stand the lady's prejudiced eye noticed that all the starters were mares and fillies except Peter, who was there in his entirety as it were. Rushing down from the grand stand she hustled over to the bookie who presided over the Fade-To-All Club and started to create a scene. Waving her ticket in the bookie's face, she shouted:

"See heah, you-yu lil' mon abbist, ah want mah money back and ah want it back right now. Pete Jackson got no show in dis yar race."

"Sure, ma'am, he has," said the polite bookie. "Don't you see that he's 4 to 5?"

"Ain't talk back to me, you—you hamfatter. Peter Jackson got no show at all runnin' with uddem yar mares and fillies."

"And why not, pray?"

"Cos he won't be able to keep his mind on de race."

"Oh, well," said the polite bookie. "I'll change it from 4 to 5 to Slippery Jumbo. You see Jumbo is scratched—that means that he is the best horse and starts scratch."

"Gimme Jumbo, then."

Before the colored lady got back to her seat in the grand stand the race was over and Peter Jackson had romped in two lengths to the good.

"Oh, well," sponged the colored lady to her bland friend, "I bought dat bookie to time anyhow. Did any of you notice how Slippery Jumbo ran? He was 'way de bes' hoss—stahted scratch, he did."

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The bars throughout Alberta now close at 10 p.m. This will surely endear the hotel people to the Rutherford government. They do so appreciate the kindness of the authorities in raising the license and cutting off their most profitable hours. This is a right and left to the stomach all right, but the government must take care that the hotel men do not put them out with a cross-counter on the law a year hence.

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There are many paradoxes and inconsistencies in the granting of liquor licenses. The attorney-generally department says that the reason for refusing the Grand View Hotel at Banff a license is because it is not in the village. And yet the Chalet at Lake Louise, which is four miles from Laggan—which, in turn, has no more than half a dozen shacks to its name—has a license. The reason for this distinction, of course, may be found in the fact that Dr. Brett, the proprietor of the Grand View, is on the off side of the political fence.

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On July 3, about 10 o'clock in the morning, we walked into the Northern Bank to make a deposit of our winnings of the previous day out at the Fair grounds, and noticed that the deposit slip read the "Northern-Crown Bank." We walked into the Street Room and asked Manager Helm what the devil this meant. He informed us that they had amalgamated with the Crown Bank of Canada, a business arrangement which increases the paid-up capital to $2,550,000 and gives them an eastern connection. The head office remains in Winnipeg, with Mr. J. W. de C. O'Grady still remaining at his old post as general manager. The Northern has made rapid progress in the west and this amalgamation will make it one of the strongest banks in Canada."

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The Citizens' Band is getting a shocking deal these days. Not only are they being treated most shabbily by the city, but, to add insult to injury, they were sidetracked at the Dominion Fair in favor of the Iowa State Band and 51st Highlander Band, and given the dubious job of playing accompaniments to the Japanese acrobats and trick elephants. Perhaps Mr. Murray, of the Paving Company, might be induced to contribute $1,000. Wake up, Calgary, and be a city!

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Those who know Sifton like a book—Three Weeks, for instance—are at liberty to doubt his statement that he is not interested in the All Red Route from financial motives.

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The Toronto Mail says: "It will no doubt be agreed that if Clifford Sifton enters the cabinet we shall have a guarantee that there will be no graft in future."

To which the Globe replies: "In the words of Josh Billings, 'This is wrote sarkastic.' The readers of the Mail might well be asked if they ever remember anything in its columns showing that Mr. Sifton has ever done anything that would justify ironical paragraphs about his connection with graft. No, and they never will. The proper prefers to slander by insinuation. Mr. Sifton can defy it to set forth anything that would reflect on his character as an honest public man."

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The Eye Opener adds: "Ha, ha!"

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The blackened reputation of the Saskatchewan government, coupled with the proved and admitted venality of some of the members of the legislature, is such as to make Western Canadians hide their heads in shame. If the voters of Saskatchewan don't clean out this bunch next election—they are not the men we take them for.

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Regina has experienced for the first time the early closing bar. The new law came into force with the first of the month and the bars opened at seven o'clock instead of six as formerly. The night of July 1st was the first of the new order of things, and the hotel men were not any too well satisfied with the change.

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The change in the hours is already having a bad effect upon the financial resources of some of the houses. One hotel man in the city made an estimate of the receipts between 10 o'clock and 11.30 last week, and his figures are somewhat startling. For one week he had the till counted at ten o'clock and again at 11.30. During the week his sales for the hour and a half showed that to be the most profitable time of the day. Five nights the bar was open he took an average of $10 a night or $50 for the week. This means $200 a month or $2,500 a year to the hotel and with many concerns $2,500 worth of business may mean life or death to the institution. In the case of the ten hotels in Regina, this would mean $25,000 a year which will not be spent in liquor. There are some hotels doing a larger bar trade than the one where the test was made, but some of the other houses do less, so this may be taken as an average house. During the whole of the afternoon and in fact throughout the day until six at night, there are few people about the bars. About 10.30 o'clock the theatres come out and the bar frequenters seek out their haunts. The result of the change, therefore, is to cut out the trade at the most profitable time of the day.

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Well, the Laurier government backed down on that obnoxious Aylesworth election bill all right. It was a complete surrender and no humiliating and disconcerting to the government that it may cause the resignation of the Hon. A. B. Aylesworth. He is utterly discredited.

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It is just what we have maintained all along. The politician who goes out after a big steel and gets away with it, is a successful statesman; while the bungler who fails to "make it stick" gets the horse laugh from his own friends and falls into disgrace.

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The government agrees to give up all attempts to prepare the Manitoba lists, and the amendment which has been consented to by judges, who will be eliminated, and instead there will be a board of judges who will allocate voters in constituencies where there is over-lapping and will set polling places where it is necessary. As for British Columbia and Quebec, the government withdrews clause one entirely, and in New Ontario, it is proposed, there shall be a registration board consisting of judges, who will appoint enumerators and look after the revision.

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"The Evil One Sowing Tares."

THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED
WINNIPEG CANADA

THE management of T. EATON & CO. takes this opportunity of thanking the Directors of the Dominion Fair for the uniform courtesy extended to the representatives of the firm during the recent marvellous Carnival of Industry in Calgary.

The cordial and appreciative attitude of the Western Public in respect to the Display of Eaton Goods in the Main Building was a source of deep gratification to those in charge. The friendly note was struck on the opening day and the relations between the Eaton department and the general public speedily became crystallized in a feeling of mutual trust and regard.

T. Eaton & Co. took First Prize as exhibitors in the Main Building.

The Midsummer Catalogue has now been mailed to all our customers and it would be well for intending purchasers to send in their orders as early as possible, because the goods are purchased specially for this Midsummer Sale, and when sold, the goods cannot be duplicated. Everything in the Catalogue is of special value. And it would be well to remember also that combined with this Midsummer Sale is our

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You would die laughing if you could get hold of the Winnipeg Free Press of July 4th and read its editorial on what it is pleased to call "A Sacrifice Compromise." This once-influential party sheet is awfully sore over the Opposition's success in fighting the proposed enormity, because it completely spoils the cinch that its proprietor, Clifford Sifton, would otherwise have had in his next campaign.

Oh my, but they're sore!

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But listen to this intensely funny extract from the Free Press editorial. We can hardly copy the words for laughing:

The Free Press, it will be noted, is discussing this matter of the election law in a spirit (ha, ha) of complete candor. If it were a party organ (ha ha ha-ha ha-ha-ha ha ha ha—oh, ha-ha-ha) it would doubtless be obliged, in obedience to the absurd convention that the party leaders are always right (ha ha ha-ha-ha' haw haw!) to exaggerate the effect of the "concessions," and represent them as covering substantially what the Liberals demanded. (What ho, bartender!). But the Free Press is too concerned in saving anybody's face—neither its own, nor Sir Wilfrid Laurier's (Hear, hear!. What'll you fellows have this time?) and it declares that the wrongly justly complaint of by the Manitoba Liberals remain unredressed. (What price Brandon votes?)

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That sentence which commences "If it (the F. P.) were a party organ" brings back to our mind the dark suspection of which we gave a hint some months ago—that Sifton was going to turn his rag into an INDEPENDENT organ. Sifton must be simply furious over the government's somewhat ridiculous fall-down on this attempted steal. It is the first steal that he has ever been connected with that has failed to be pulled off successfully. The Eye Opener extends sympathy to Mr. Sifton in this the hour of his affliction.

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Bright sayings of the Taft and Bryan children will next be in order.

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If Macdonald is elected in the Macleod district it will be a great victory for the big rancher who wants to preserve the south as a greeting country and keep the small farmer out. Moreover, as there is small chance of his being elected the great south country will go on merrily getting settled up with a prosperous and contented class of practical agriculturalists.

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It was the Macleod district from whence came the First Prize Exhibit of Grain and Grasses at the Dominion Fair, beating all others to a standstill. Granum, neo Leavings, was the bright and shining star of the Fair. It is the splitting up of the country into small farms and the producing of hundreds of thousands of bushels of golden grain that make big ranchers like Candidate Macdonald sick. They hate to see the country settled up. It is devoutly to be hoped that this district will consult its own interest and re-elect John Herron to the Dominion Parliament.

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Lou Doll, whose ad. etc., etc., in another column, is back from a visit to Ottawa, where he visited the Parliament of Commons. Mr. Doll described the session he attended as a circus. We are glad he enjoyed himself.

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Here is gall for you!

The Canadian Lumbermen's Association has petitioned the government to impose a duty on certain lumbers imported into Canada, as if the price of lumber was not high enough already! This is certainly the limit. The newly formed association has chosen an unpopitious moment to spring this preposterous petition; just as the political campaign organ is getting ready metaphorical bombs, harpoons and butcher knives, and blunderbusses loaded with verbal stovelids, anvils and horseshoes.

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It isn't in the constitution that the school books of a Canadian province should be printed and published in Canada. It is only part of the unwritten law. A provincial government that ignores this law, however, does so at its peril.

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The public is politely notified by the management that Mr. John B. Scott is now eastern representative of the Calgary Eye Opener, authorized to take subscriptions, advertisements and anything else he can lay his hands on to the fame and glory of this great family journal. The Toronto office of the Eye Opener is 12 Adelaide street West.

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The following calls for a public explanation from the Dog Show Committee of the Dominion Fair. A Toronto paper printed a disgraceful sounding paragraph under a big headline, NO COAST DOGS FOR CALGARY BENCH SHOW.

"There will be no Vancouver dogs at the Calgary dog show. Last year local dog fanciers sent eleven dogs to the Calgary bench show and brought home twenty-three prizes. This year, though Secretary Powell, forty-six dogs were entered in the Calgary show. The entries were to close on June 24, but Mr. Powell received word that the list had been extended till July 27, so he did not put in the list the latter date. Then he was notified that the entries would not be accepted because of being overdue. What could owners of show dogs are anything but pleased with the action put in place the Alberta men, excluding the prize-winners from the coast, and it will be a long time before they send any more entries east of the mountains."

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Vancouver, July 3, 1908.

Editor Calgary Eye Opener,

Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir—Allow me to call your attention to a state of affairs existing amongst the Dog Show Committee in your city, a state which I venture to suggest is not allowed to be published abroad in Calgary just now.

The enclosed clipping will explain matters, but I wish to point out that the unsportsmanlike behaviour of this committee in refusing a collection of 46 dogs of the highest standard for exhibition at Calgary has also robbed Winnipeg of a like number, as they were to go right through.

The Alberta Kennel Club gets a grant of $1,000 for their show (if possible them to give a good exhibit, not to form a ring to harvest the cash prizes by avoiding competition. You can readily see for yourself that the cash prizes are nothing to Coast fanciers, when it costs three times five dollars to send a dog to Calgary, but we were out for the healthy competition, and as the Calgary Bench Show Committee will know, we were sending a very high class of dog. Vancouver has the largest show on the Pacific coast, without any grant but $100 (which we can't rely on) simply because we invite and seek the best competition, and it would be well for the fair-minded fanciers in Calgary, if such exist, to clean out this bunch of hogs, and get in a class who are not afraid of getting beaten. Your truly,

H. G. STANLEY ANTHONY.

(For the benefit of the general public it may be stated that it is the usual course at the large Eastern shows to accept all outside entries that have been mailed on the last day on which entries are stated to close.—Ed.)

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The Calgary choir has been awarded the highest honors by Sir Frederick Bridge, organist of Westminster Abbey, for their splendid work at the Festival of Early English Church Music held last May. Half a dozen other cities, including Winnipeg and Vancouver, competed for this unique prize, but to! they have all had to take a second place behind Calgary. This is a great triumph for Mr. Frank Wrigley, who, besides being a great organist, has proved himself to be a king bee amongst choir masters. But then, we all could excel and cut a wide swath in our respective spheres if we only worked as hard and faithfully as does Frank Wrigley. The pity of it is that but few of us do.

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The following from the coast:

Betrayed Girl Suicides.

Victoria, B.C. July 5—Lying half submerged by the tide, the dead body of Dora Halcroft, aged 27, an English woman, was found on the beach off Beacon Hill park this morning. She came here some months ago from Calgary and engaged as a servant to Mrs. Sydney Child. She is supposed to have suicided through brooding over some man in Calgary who had betrayed her.

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Billy Lauder gained a final and decisive victory over Harry Lombard last week. It was a fast bout, and eminently satisfactory as an exhibition of scientific boxing. The Lindsay knockers—that is, the Calgary bunch of thugs and gamblers who want to see Lindsay boy whipped by some one from the outside—made Lombard the favorite, and the Scotch lad's victory must make the much successive disappointment they have suffered. We would advise the gang to confine their talents to shooting craps and dealing seconds, where they are more at home. In fairness to Lombard who is a white boy and a clean fighter, it should be stated that he did not give himself a fair show in this contest. Fighting two hard battles in four days is too severe, especially with a long railway journey thrown in. Lombard can easily handle any of the other boxers who come around this way, but the young champion is just a wee bit too overbearing.

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier has borrowed again the people of Canada to a finish this time and no mistake. He told them that the cost of the new transcontinental road, the G.T.P., would be in the neighborhood of some $15,000,000. On the strength of this statement his government was returned to power with an overwhelming majority.

It now turns out to be the colossal sum of $150,000,000!

No wonder the country is started to the verge of panic.

Get on to this:

A statement was read by R. L. Borden in the House the other night showing that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will cost the people of Canada $191,305,823, to which is to be added a loan guarantee of $35,000,000, a total of nearly $250,000,000. He summed it up as follows:

Eastern division: Construction of railway from Moncton to Winnipeg, 1,805.55 miles, at estimated cost of $63,421 per mile, $114,493,765.

Allowing five years for period of construction there will be an average of 2½ years simple interest at 3½ per cent. per year during construction, or $4,003,781.67 per year for 2½ years, $10,009,454.

Cost of eastern division at completion will thus be $124,502,219. To this must be added seven years' interest at 3½ per cent. (not compounded), after completion during which G.T.P. is to pay no rent, $26,124,676. Also interest at 3½ per cent. for three years additional, during which no rent, unless earnings are sufficient, $11,196,290, $161,724,185.

Quebec bridge: Cost of Quebec bridge to to March 1, 1907, $5,000,000; estimated cost of completion, $9,000,000; $14,422,226.

Estimated cost of our share of terminals at Quebec, Winnipeg and Moncton and shops east of Winnipeg, $5,470,000; total, $181,616,421.

Cost of mountain section (339 miles) as stated in return brought down, $61,520,000.

Seventy-five per cent. of the above, $46,140,000, to be guaranteed by the government for construction of mountain section, and the government agrees to pay without guarantee interest on bonds so guaranteed for seven years, which, at 3½ per cent., amounts to $9,689,400.

In addition to the above cash expenditure the government incurs the following obligations on its guarantee of bonds:

Guarantee of bond issue on mountain section, as above, $46,140,000.

Guarantee of bond issue on prairie section (916 miles), at $13,000 per mile, $11,908,000; total, $58,048,000.

The cash expenditure totals $191,305,823. The bond guarantee totals $58,048,000; a grand total of $249,353,823.

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Dealing with the immense expenditure on the G.T.P. transcontinental in excess of the original estimates, the Toronto News puts the case very fairly, as follows:

It seems that the National Transcontinental Railway will cost the country two hundred and fifty millions of dollars. This is a great sum. As a result the national debt will be doubled. With all our optimism and confidence, the burden will bear heavily upon the people.

There is no doubt that the Government rushed into the undertaking with incomplete knowledge of the territory between Moncton and Winnipeg, and with no intelligent estimate of the probable cost of the enterprise. Moreover, political considerations were far too influential with ministers.

If the terms under which the road is building impose the maximum of risk and loss on the taxpayers and the minimum of hazard on the railway company, it is only natural that shrewd financiers should endeavor to make such a bargain if there is reason for censure it must fall upon the Government which was the agent of the public interest in the transaction. So they makes about the much successive patriotic to discredit the great enterprise and embarass its progress towards completion, it is fair to hold the Government responsible for its estimates, for its methods of construction, and for the more political aspects of its policy.

We are bound, however, to face the fact that within the next three or four years we must borrow huge amounts in the world's money market for removal of leaks and of other bots on the Transcontinental Railway, and that there is at least some danger that our capacity to bear the load may be called in question. Moreover, the prospect would lead us to look closely and critically into our whole system of expenditure, and to re-establish "Retrenchment and Reform" as a vital maxim of public policy.

Premier Rutherford: "Pay no heed, gentlemen, to those irresponsible papers which say that

The Alberta Government is about to have—

A FALL!!!!!!

Mr. Fielding [illegible] of high character, [illegible] respects deserves the [illegible] and respect of the country. He has been a speedthrift minister. [illegible] strings he has been permitted, if he chose, to make raids on the Treasury by supporters in the shape of grants to partisans in the constituencies. He has risked nothing for personal popularity in order to keep his country. That last he is close to the zone of deficits, with a swollen expenditure in all the departments, and most accumulating obligations. The chances are that we shall need a rather severe fire and close discussion to save the country from the consequences of his extravagant policies.

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This fall we are going to discover that members of parliament are made of the same composition as the rest of us.

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Newspaperdom is to be laid on the streets of Calgary. Good intentions will not be taken into account, although no doubt there will be an abundance of them kicking about.

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Billy Maclean has been very quiet this session. He seems to keep himself out of the limelight. The scandal-probing Still, W. F. Maclean is the only man in the house who has the courage and the unflinching energy to press year after year for the reforms so necessary to the welfare of the country. He is a born fighter, moral, fearless, persistent and determined.

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Those who take their political lives in their hands and fight the battles of the people generally do not seek sympathy, because at every step their motives are called into question and dust is thrown in the eyes of the public. These are the misjudged and discredited. That is part of the game. These are the reasons why Mr. Maclean deserves well of the people of Canada. He has fought for the principle with the powers for the last fifteen or twenty years and is only now winning success. He has made the Grand Trunk sit up and pay attention. He is compelling that road to lay down terms of its charter, which it has wilfully broken for a score of years. He has put up an almost single-handed fight to bring the telegraph and telephone companies under the expansion and the other things mentioned. For fifteen years he has advocated public ownership and is now determined to force the government to nationalize the trans-continental. He believes in the extension of the provincial, and the building up the government of a road to the Pacific. Mr. Maclean can see no reason for the practical building of a road by the people and then handing it over to a company with power to levy toll for all time on the people who paid for it. He is right.

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the remark some time since that "the twentieth century is Canada's." He would have been nearer right if he had said the twentieth century belonged to the railways of Canada. The control of the great corporations by government is the great question in politics today. Mr. Maclean is the strongest advocate of the principle in the House in Canada today. He never has wavered. He has never sold out. If he were to drop dead there would be by unspeakable in the camp of his adversaries. He is the strongest single man in parliament today. It is a pleasure to announce some of its successes, for our readers may be sure there are not many papers in Canada which will give Mr. Maclean credit for the work he has done. However that will not worry him or cause him to relax one moment from the work he has set himself to do.

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The only public man to whom we can liken Billy Maclean for untrammelled independence of thought and utter fearlessness in action is R. L. Richardson, the man who is going to turn Turriff to a peat in East Assiniboia. Maclean and Richardson, the one in the East and the other in the West, are the most loyal friends the common people have in this country. East Assiniboia will be unfaithful to herself if she fails to send Mr. Richardson to Ottawa by a sweeping majority.

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Chief of Police McRae of Winnipeg is certainly balking in troubles these days between the infernal tool grouch, one combination and the insists on keeping the lid on and scattering the unsorty girls all over the city. If this bunch of long-haired men and short-haired women would let McRae alone to wind straighten out these kinks in a few weeks, put the girls out in a section by themselves and have the old town cleaned up. The preachers are even afraid to have the girls permitted to ride in hacks, declaring that when they are jagged their tight skirts get legs through the windows. Now, wouldn't that frost you?

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One apparent result of the crusade against the girls in the Peg is in the amazingly large increase of assaults on women around the city after dark. Now if the Lord's Day Alliance would do what they could toward making an example of the suspicious characters when they are caught, it would help some. But even the newspapers seem averse to giving publicity in cases where men are charged with these assaults. For instance, while the Ringling Bros. circus was down there last week a little fifteen-year-old girl jumped from her seat where she had been watching the performance and rushed out crying. Later a policeman came back and W. H. Scott, a street railway inspector was pointed out by the child as the man who had been taking liberties with her as she sat by her seat. Scott was arrested and taken to jail. He admitted sitting next the girl and putting his hands on her to keep her from falling off. The court room was cleared and a most revolting story was told by the girl. It was unsupported and the man escaped conviction, but the big Winnipeg papers kept mum as usual on the whole miserable affair. Publicity in a case of this sort is the best remedy to prevent similar cases. It is very difficult for the police to get positive evidence of abuse of this kind in a big city and the papers can help them out by giving publicity as much as possible. If the man is innocent the details do him no harm. In this case, though the detectives had the little girl tell her story in a straightforward way, it was uncorroborated and the man escaped.

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Great Scott, gentlemen, read this!

12th July, 1908.

Dear Sir—I note in your issue of 17th June your recommendation of certain candidates for the Federal Parliament, and amongst others I see you recommend Frank Oliver for the Edmonton constituency.

While I may say I am a warm admirer of your paper, for the vigorous stand you have taken against graft and corruption in political life, I see no reason why I should vote for Frank Oliver, in whose constituency I happen to be. I have never seen Mr. Oliver, and am not aware that he has done or is doing anything in particular which should merit my support. So far as I can learn there are quite a number here who will certainly not vote for him, and will as a protest, whether he turned out, as he well deserves—to be, So you had better get the Minister of Militia to send up some Rosa rifles to shoot us off, because as you say, "any citizen who votes against him ought to be taken out and shot."

I am not a keen party man; I do not wish to put the party first, second or even third. I wish the welfare of the country first and last, the material and moral improvement of the mass of people, who work, or do useful things.

Mr. Oliver, as you know well, has been the political associate of men who have robbed the country by frauds innumerable of which your excellent paper gives us regular and awful examples. I have never noticed that he has yet raised a protest in public against the rascals in his own party. Had he shown any tendency to do this, or made the slightest protest in public, I might have been persuaded to support him. Not only so, he has stood up in the House at Ottawa and defended his department's action in the famous Hairmore Township scandal. At the same time the Edmonton Bulletin had an article of the most hypocritical gush and sophistry, pointing out the regular precise logical fairness and beauty of the whole Hairmore business. I never read such clap-trap in my life.

If a man cannot correct or protest against the abuses in his own party (party etiquette be damned) it is impossible for him to improve the condition of the country. If what is near and in immediate relation to him cannot be remedied, then it is foolish to imagine he can correct evils in political and social relations of a people who stand in a far-off perspective to him.

Oliver is an old-timer, and you have known him a long time, etc., etc. Who put in the present government? Why, mostly or largely old-timers. It is time the newcomers had a say, and I think they have a right to speak. They are, I believe, in the majority if the Regina have not been tampered with. The old-timers were a queer lot, decent in their way, pious—oh, yes, pious, some of 'em, and not unwilling to take the advantage in—full of audacious cons, and learned in the little nothings that make the pastoral and distinct life. Proud—oh, yes, proud—of their knowledge of the life and things around them. You cannot shake them in—no fear—but politically incapable of insuring a decent government, or even of putting one in.

The future welfare of the country lies in a better democracy, better government, and knowledge of the requirements of modern civilization and social conditions. Yours, about to be shot,

* Meritorus to salvat.

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The city council of Hamilton seems to be full of grafters. If, in defiance of the citizens' wish, twice expressed by an immense majority, they bind the city for a term of years to the Cataract Power Co., a notorious private corporation, the men of Hamilton should march to the city hall when the council is in session, seize the grafters, knock them on the head, throw them into wagons and crucify the bunch on top of that 4——4 mountain of theirs.

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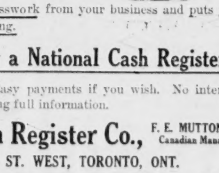

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What is there in the atmosphere of Canada that makes so many officials crooked? In Port Arthur two of the license commissioners, who, it is alleged "accepted bribes in connection with an application for the transfer of the license of the Brunswick Hotel, have sent in their resignations to the government and they have been accepted. Their names are Joseph Graham and W. P. Cook. Graham admits having received his whack of $250, but Cook denies the charges. This is the best thing that ever happened Graham and Cook. They are now dead in line for government promotion.

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A strong plea was made in the House of Commons during the discussion of Oliver's land bill by the western members, led by Maitland McCarthy; to have the school lands placed in the hands of the provinces. They pointed out that the lands are sold at public auction by the Dominion and invested for the benefit of the province. Why, they asked, should not the control of them be handed over to the provinces? There could be no reason for the federal authorities continuing to control either the lands or the funds. Oliver, however, was obdurate.

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Some provision for higher education in Alberta and Saskatchewan also was strongly urged by Messrs. McCarthy, Herron and Lake. For two years they have been endeavoring to get the federal government to take action along these lines, pointing out that this is the policy of most of the Western States and that years ago some 150,000 acres was set aside for Manitoba university. On this question Dr. McIntyre of Strathcona, the constituency in which the new university of Alberta is to be built, though hitherto silent on this question, with the elections now in sight rushed to the front with a resolution along the line advocated particularly by Mr. McCarthy. Although supported by the Conservatives, it is needless to say it was voted down. When the question has been up before Dr. McIntyre has always been silent and his eleventh-hour conversion can only be regarded in the light of a cheap political trick and an attempt to deprive credit where it belongs.

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Did you ever run a little local paper in a small burg along a branch line of railway? We have—at Wetaskiwin, Leduc, Strathcona and High River. It is the greatest fun imaginable, especially when you are on good terms with the bartenders. In order to make a pecuniary success of your sheet and get the ads. you must pursue a laudatory policy and sing the praises of everything and everybody in sight.

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For Concerts — Patti, Nilsson, Tietjens, Van Zandt, Albani and Trebelli, all rolled into one, singing in the zenith of their powers, are not to be mentioned in the same breath with Miss O'Shaughnessy who sang last night in our hall. Miss O'Shaughnessy, who created quite a furore in South Edmonton last year by her marvellous recitation of Sullivan's "What is home without a Doorknob," is without doubt the most wonderful captatrice (of the kind) in this or any other country. The singers and accompanists showed themselves to be the greatest singers and accompanists of the age, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed on behalf of everybody in sight. The sum of $.50 was taken in, which will be applied towards adding a wing to the Home for Fallen Dining Room Girls.

For Dances—The famous Bradley Martin ball, to say nothing of the Duchess of Devonshire's masquerade which created quite a sensation in London last season, were cast completely into the shade last evening by the dance given in the Shea-Moyden hall. The costumes were ravishing, and as one walked through the brilliantly lighted rooms adorned with rare and costly exotic plants, listening to the intoxicating strains of Mr. Dan Oleson's violin, one could imagine himself in fairyland. A recherche supper was gobbled up with great gusto, and did great credit to the genials—and so on.

Election of a Dog Catcher—Mr. Skiff, our talented fellow-townsman, was yesterday elected to the onerous office of dog catcher. It is only fitting that all these years of unremitting toil in the political arena should culminate in Mr. Skiff's appointment to this high office, and we feel sure that we are voicing the sentiment of the whole community when we say that he is eminently fitted for the place. That Mr. Skiff may pass down through the vista of life with joy and happiness, and fulfil his solemn trust as dog-catcher with satisfaction to himself and the dogs, is the earnest wish of the Clarion, the Bugle, the Shifter, or whatever your bum rag is called.

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The Railway Statistics prepared by Comptroller J. L. Payne, and issued by the Dominion Government, give us the clearest statement we have yet had of the amount that has been contributed by the people of Canada to assist private railway enterprises. Mr. Payne's report shows that the cash subsidies, in round figures, have totalled $181,500,000. Of this amount nearly $129,000,000 has been paid from the Dominion treasury; over $35,000,000 has been contributed by the various provinces, while municipal bonuses have aggregated $17,346,000. None of this money has gone to the building of the Intercolonial or the Temiskaming lines—two roads which have been wholly built by the people, and are owned by them; all of the one hundred and eighty-one odd millions have gone to the creation of properties which are owned by private capitalists.

In addition to the money subsidies these private companies have been endowed with land grants equal in extent to a fair-sized kingdom. The Dominion government alone has seized from the 6,792,000 acres of C.P.R. lands taken back in return for a cash payment, given no less than 31,762,000 acres to the various railway companies added by it. Quebec has voted 13,524,960 acres of provincial lands in aid of railway construction, and some of the lands were subsequently converted into money and presumably appropriated in the statement of cash subsidies voted by the provinces. British Columbia has granted 22,247 acres in aid of railway building, New Brunswick 1,647,712, and Nova Scotia 160,000 acres. No account has been given by Mr. Payne of the land grants made by Ontario. If the Quebec land grants are excluded, for the reason above stated, the total of the donations made by the Dominion, British Columbia, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia stands at nearly 29,000,000 acres. The grants made by Ontario, which have not enumerated, would bring the area of all the lands so disposed of up to 40,000,000 acres—equal to nearly double the area of Portugal and considerably more than half the area of Germany.

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It is difficult to arrive at a fair estimate of the value of these railway lands. Those given by Quebec were converted into money on the basis of 52½ cents per acre, but eleven and one-quarter million acres of the original C.P.R. grant have been sold by the company for an average of nearly $4 per acre, and over three million acres of Canadian Pacific lands sold to date have cost, on the average price obtained by this company for those sold last year was over $3 per acre, the figure on which no may reasonably be expected to fetch at least this amount. It would certainly seem to be within the mark, therefore, if all the lands granted railways—Provincial and Dominion—put up an average valuation of $4 per acre. That would make the total $160,000,000. This sum, added to the $181,500,000 in cash subsidies, makes a grand aggregate of upwards of $341,000,000. There is a little more than 22,000 miles of railway in Canada, so that the subsidies equal $15,500 for each mile of railway in Canada. That is about the actual cost of right-of-way and expenditure on track construction on the average line.

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Regina contractors are indignant at the action of the government in letting the contract for the new parliament buildings to Peter Lynch and Sons, of Montreal. The profits of contractors are being charged over $100,000 less than the buildings should have cost, and local tenderers have been cut finde without a chance to make good. The reason given for their financial standing was not sufficient to warrant giving them the contract, is not satisfactory at all, as such put up amount of $100,000 and he backed it up to back either one of them for any job.

Everyone was expecting the work to go to a Western firm, as it is known that their prices were below those offered by Eastern firms. For instance, Taylor Bros. submitted a price which was over $100,000 under the price being aid to the firm from Montreal. Smith Bros. and Wilson submitted a price which is over $70,000 beneath that being paid to the Montreal firm, and the May-Sharpe Construction Co. submitted a price which is considerably below the contract amount. Thos. Kelly & Sons, of Winnipeg, placed in a tender $120,000 below the contract price.

This new deal coming on top of the parliament building site deal and the Moraine school book contract makes the record for Sask's government so black that it will never be forgotten, so long as the province exists. There is no attempt made to justify the giving of the contract at this price, and the government will have some hard explaining to do before the country.

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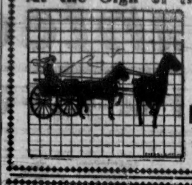

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